

CARR-33

Hood's Mill
Hood's Mill Road

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MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. Carr-33

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Hood's Mill

and/or common

2. Location

street & number Hood's Mill Road

☐ not for publication

city, town Sykesville

☒ vicinity of

congressional district

state Maryland

county Carroll

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: abandoned

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Jean R. Dickey

street & number 13850 Forsythe Road

telephone no.:

city, town Sykesville

state and zip code Maryland 21784

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Courthouse Annex

liber 1133

street & number 55 North Court Street

folio 533

city, town Westminster

state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date

☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town

state

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent
☐ good
☐ fair

☒ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site

☐ moved

date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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Resource Count: 1

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On the west side of the mill is a tall reinforced concrete tower that is oval in plan. It has a nine-light metal sash at the top of the north and south elevations and a door opening at the top of the east and west elevations. There is a steel ladder on the east side. There are some remains of wood roof framing or sheathing on the top of the tower, and visible inside the tower is a metal wheel with a belt that has cups on it. On the east side of the tower is a short enclosed bridge connecting it with the second story of the mill. It has German siding, a gable roof with asphalt shingles and an east-west ridge, and the remains of a one-light sash in the north and south elevations.

On the east end of the mill is a two-story addition with CMU's on the first story and German siding on the second. It has a gable roof with inverted V-seam metal and an east-west ridge. Centered on the first story of the south elevation is a boarded-up

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☒ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☒ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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Geographic Organization: Piedmont

Chronological/Development Period: Industrial-Urban Dominance, A.D. 1870-1930

Historic Period Themes: Architecture, Industry

Resource Types: Mill, rural vernacular

9. Major Bibliographical References

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1862 & 1877 maps
Scharf, History of Western Maryland, p. 882

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 57.75 ac.Quadrangle name WoodbineQuadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone Easting Northing

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Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

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The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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Description (continued)

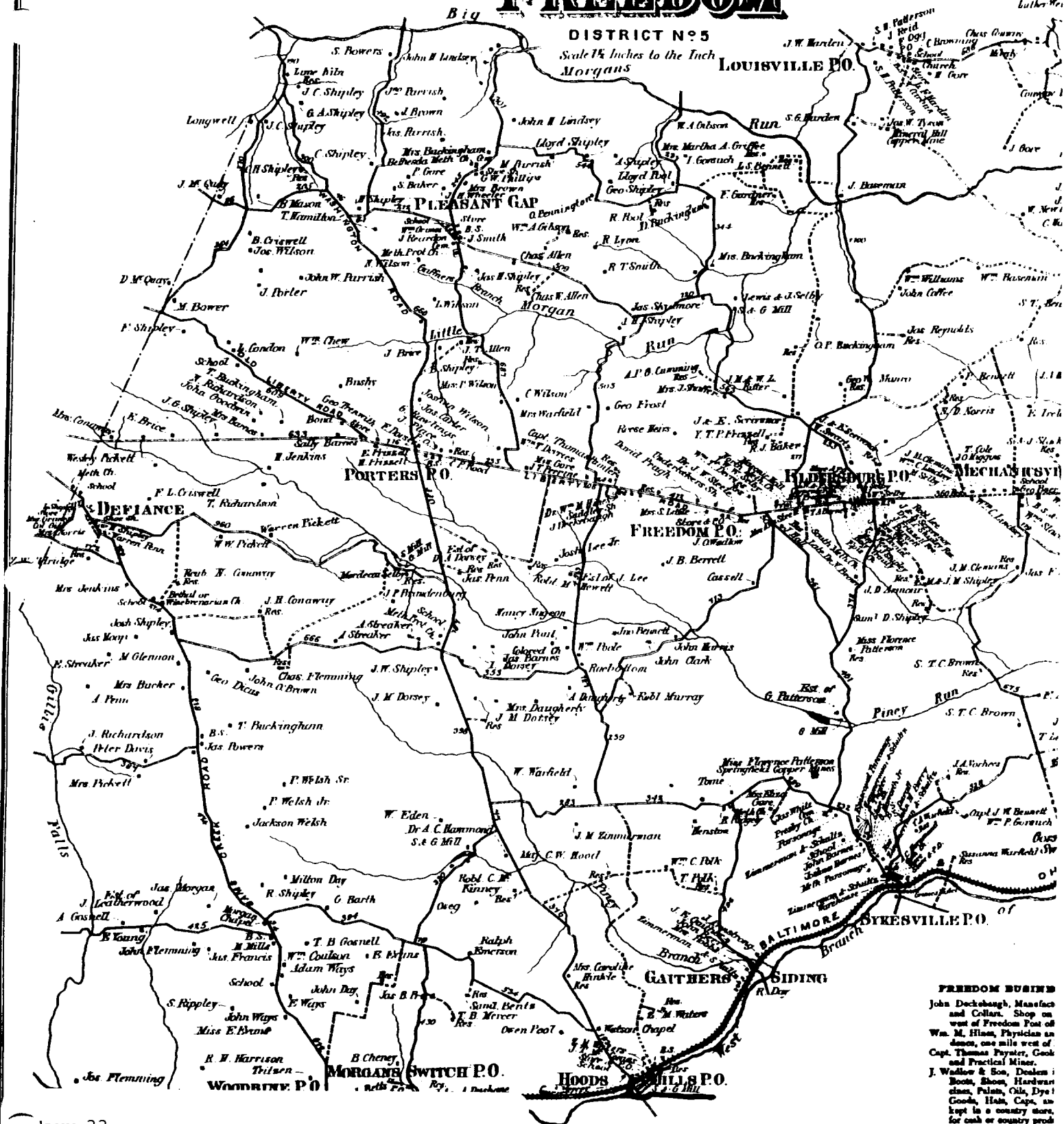
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opening, while above it on the second story is a one-light sash. The lower half of the first story of the east elevation of the addition is rubble stone. It is banked into the hill on the north side, as is the mill itself. The north elevation of the addition has two boarded-up openings, beaded-edge vertical board double doors, an exterior CMU chimney and a one-light sash. The north elevation of the mill is partly banked, and the first story has a boarded-up opening, a bricked-in opening and a boarded-up opening, going from east to west. The second story has beaded-edge-and-center vertical board double doors, with the remains of a pent roof, on each end. There is a 1/1 sash in the center and a boarded-up opening east of the west door. The mill is deteriorated, overgrown, and abandoned.

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DISTRICT N^o 5
Scale 1½ Inches to the Inch
Morgans

LOUISVILLE P.O.

FREEDOM BUSINESS

John Deckenbaugh, Manufact
and Collars. Shop on
west of Freedom Post off
Wm. M. Hines, Physician an
dance, one mile west of
Capt. Thomas Physter, Cook
and Practical Miner.
J. Wadlow & Son, Dealers i
Boots, Shoes, Hardware
cines, Palms, Oils, Dye
Goods, Hain, Caps, an
kept in a country store,
for cash or country prod
Zimmerman & Shanks, Dealer
and Groceries. Sydnor
Charles A. Warfield, Dairy
ville.

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Lake, Griffin & Stevenson Atlas, 1877



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Woodbine quad



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Carroll County, Maryland

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Date: October 1993

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South elevation

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